

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Toshiaki OTSUKI, et al.

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For: NUMERICAL CONTROL DEVICE, AND NUMERICAL CONTROL METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please AMEND same as follows: